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Willow MDP/EIS Scoping Comments BLM\_AK\_Willow\_Comments@blm.gov Bureau of Land Management 222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13 Anchorage, AK 99513

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Subject: The BLM should adopt the proposed Master Development Plan, Alternative B, as its Preferred Alternative and module transfer Option 1 in the Final EIS.

To Evaluators,

North Star Terminal & Stevedore Co LLC and North Star Equipment Services has operated in Alaska since 1950. Our livelihood depends on responsible resource development. We have been active in supporting the marine cargo handling needs and construction of the infrastructure for many of the North Slope projects. Especially supporting ConocoPhillips Alaska whom we have mentored to improve our company's health, safety and environmental performance. ConocoPhillips is intense on monitoring all vendors performance to insure responsible resource development happens.

This could generate over 40 high paying jobs for our company and needs your support.

Other important points to consider include:

- The proposed Willow project conforms to the BLM's 2013 Integrated Activity Plan.
   The project proponent has collected extensive biological and engineering data since 2017 to inform the Willow EIS process.
- Oil and gas development in NPR-A could ultimately prove indispensable, given forecasts that predict this nation's energy demands increasing over ten percent in the next quarter century. Even with dramatic increases in alternative energy sources, the majority of these growing energy demands will continue to be satisfied through use of fossil fuels.
- Production from Willow would serve to help maintain the integrity of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), a critical link to America's energy distribution. Given the vast resources believed to be available in NPR-A, future production could reverse the decline in TAPS, allowing it to remain viable for decades.
- Industry has made great strides in responsibly designing projects in the Arctic with minimal impact on the environment, wildlife, and subsistence activities.

- The proposed Willow project minimizes impacts and maintains high standards for safety and emergency response and leverages contemporary North Slope best management practices to avoid and minimize impacts.
- The BLM should move forward in preparing the MDP/EIS in accordance with the recently issued Executive Orders and Secretarial guidance on streamlining and improving the NEPA and other regulatory processes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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